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Subject: Delegation of Waiver Approval Authority to State Agencies for Seamless
Summer Feeding Waiver Sponsors and Sites

To: STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS - Colorado ED, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri ED,
(Special Nutrition Programs) Montana OPI, Nebraska, North Dakota,
South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming

State Agencies (SA) may now approve waiver requests received in Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 from School Food Authorities (SFA) to operate the Seamless Summer Feeding Waiver at eligible sites. Once the waiver is approved by the SA, the SFA may continue to operate the Seamless Summer Feeding Waiver through FY 2004, when this waiver is scheduled to end.

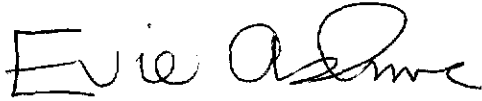
With the exception of the delegation of waiver approval authority to SAs, we expect that the Seamless Summer Feeding Waiver will continue to operate as designed by FNS for FY 2002. An SFA may propose to operate a variation of this waiver. Conducting a waiver different from the prototype requires evaluation by our Office and final approval by our National Office. In addition, seamless waiver requests must provide the same basic information that was required for the FY 2002 waiver operation. This information was captured in the FNS prototype, which we provided to you through Policy Memorandum SFSP-436. Although SAs may require additional information beyond the FNS prototype, we caution that the application process should not be made too difficult for SFA's.

The Food and Nutrition Service is in the process of evaluating our future need for data on the seamless waiver and may identify additional or different data that should be included in waiver requests. In view of this, we will revise the prototype and will make every effort to provide this revision by mid-December of this year. We will not expect SAs to require SFA's to amend FY 2003 waiver requests that had already been approved prior to the release of an updated prototype.

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If you have any questions, please contact our office.



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